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Dear Friends:

I hope you are finding ways to keep cool this summer! Our days have been busy here at City Hall and I want to take this time to update you on some of the hot items from this past month. Please take some time to read about the work we have done to move forward with a new fire station, increase opportunities for earned sick leave and raise the minimum wage for thousands of families in San Diego, deliver resources to the district for a new skate park, and why we proclaimed July, "Asking Saves Kids" month in the City of San Diego.

Moving Forward with a New Fire Station

My colleagues and I recently took another step towards the construction of a new fire station by approving contracts for a design team and a construction manager for Fire Station 2, which will be located at the south-west of Pacific Highway and Cedar Street. This project will include the construction of a three-story, 15,980 square-foot fire station, over a single level of below grade parking (8,970 square feet), including lobby/reception, apparatus bays, living rooms, kitchen, office spaces, exercise room, and sleeping dormitories. It will also have sustainability features including a green roof and photovoltaic system, resulting in LEED Silver certification.



The above image shows where Fire Station 2 will be constructed

Earned Sick Leave and Raising San Diego's Minimum Wage

During the San Diego City Council meeting on July 28, 2014, my colleagues and I voted 6-3 in favor of an ordinance that will allow workers in San Diego to earn 5 days of sick leave and will also raise minimum wage to \$9.75 in January 2015, \$10.50 in January 2016 and \$11.50 in January 2017, and indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) starting January 1, 2019.

I am proud to have included the 5 days of earned sick leave in this ordinance, and with Council President Todd Gloria leading the charge for raising the minimum wage, we are on the way towards providing support and relief to thousands of individuals and families throughout San Diego. Workers will have more money in their pockets to better provide for themselves and their families, and when they are sick they will be able to stay home and rest instead of having to choose between going to work ill or losing a day's pay.

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August Community Events

Friday, August 1, 2014—Thursday, August 28, 2014: Outdoor Summer Movies every Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm at the Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park located next to the City Heights Weingart Library at 3795 Fairmount Ave, San Diego, CA 92105. For more information feel free to call 619 641 6100.

Saturday, August 9, 2014: Family Health Centers of San Diego will be hosting a Health Fair and Ribbon cutting at the Diamond Neighborhoods Family Health Center located at 4725 Market Street. Free backpacks and health screenings will be available.

Wednesday, August 6, 2014: Assemblywomen Lorena Gonzalez will be at the City Heights Weingart Library located at 3795 Fairmount Ave, San Diego, CA 92105 from 2:00p—5:00p. Field Representative, Marco Briones, will be available to provide you with information about how the Assemblywoman can assist you and your community.

Friday, August 22, 2014: San Diego State University's fall semester begins!

Asking Saves Kids Month

The San Diego City Council proclaimed the month of July, "Asking Saves Kids (ASK) Month" in the City of San Diego. In America, one out of three homes with children has a gun, and nearly 1.7 million children live in a home with a loaded, unlocked gun. Nationally, 80% of unintentional firearm deaths of children under fifteen occur in a home.

Summer is a season when kids typically spend more time at the homes of friends, neighbors, and other family members. While parents ask all sorts of health and safety questions before their children play at someone else's home, including questions about pets, allergies, internet access, and supervision, fewer than half of parents ask if there is an unlocked gun in the home. Children are naturally curious; if a gun is accessible in someone's home, there is a chance a child will find it and play with it. Asking this simple question is an important step every parent can take to help keep their child safe, and possibly save their child's life.



Safe Neighborhoods

My office received a call from a City Heights resident about this exposed pipe causing issues for pedestrians, especially those in wheel chairs. We got in contact with the appropriate staff and was able to have the pipe covered up to increase safety for pedestrians. To report other city related issues that you have noticed around your neighborhood, please contact my office at (619) 236-6699.



BEFORE



AFTER

Delivering Resources

As promised to the youth of City Heights when I first ran for Council District 9, there will soon be a brand new skate park in the City Heights community. The City has received a \$4,460,000 grant from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development to design and construct two skateboard parks; one in the Linda Vista Community and one in City Heights.

The Park Projects will consist of the design and construction of two new, multi-generational, skateboard parks within existing parks: Linda Vista Community Park in the Linda Vista Community, and Park De La Cruz in the City Heights Community. This grant will ensure our community, especially our youth, will get their long advocated for skate park.

Our youth have been working towards getting a skate park in City Heights for quite some time. I would like to thank them for spearheading this effort because without them this would not be possible. A big thank you to Martin Moreno and the Mid City CAN (Community Advocacy Network) team, Mid-City Skate park Advocacy Group, City Heights Area Planning Committee, City Heights Recreation Council, Cherokee Point Elementary, The California Endowment, Tony Hawk Foundation, California Department of Housing & Community Development, City of San Diego's Planning Department including Director Bill Fulton and Brian Schoenfisch, Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Council President Todd Gloria, Councilmember Sherman, Councilmember Zapf, and many others for their support.



Marti and the Community



Councilmember Emerald joined students from Crawford High School, and members of the Talmadge Patrol, to start a new mural project near Fay Elementary.



Councilmember Emerald visited Ocean Beach to celebrate San Diego Junior Lifeguard's 100th year of service!



My colleagues and I proclaimed the month of July, "Asking Saves Kids (ASK) Month" in the City of San Diego. The campaign empowers parents to ASK "Is there an unlocked gun in your house?" before sending their child over to play at the house of a friend or neighbor.



Councilmember Emerald and members of the Kensington community welcomed Moosie's Ice Cream to the neighborhood.

INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember Emerald's office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official.

Interested applicants should e-mail Julio Rivera a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation to jcrivera@sandiego.gov. Please feel free to call (619) 236-6725 with any questions.